

N A R B E R T H R U R A L D I S T R I C T .ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR THE YEAR 1948.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

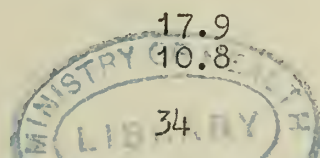
I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1948.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S .

Resident Population, (Registrar General's Estimate) 1948  
..... 10,030.....

England & Wales.

Birth Rate 16.7 per 1,000 Pop.  
Death Rate 14 per 1,000 Pop.  
Infantile  
Mortality Rate 47.9 per 1,000 Births.



It will be noted that although the Birth Rate is lower than that for the rest of the country, the Death Rate is slightly higher. 53.6% of the deaths registered were of persons over 70 years of age, including 22.9% of people over the age of 80 years.

The Infantile Mortality Rate is slightly higher than that for the whole of England and Wales. 50% of these deaths were due to Prematurity.

Causes of Death.

	M.	F.
All Causes	62	78
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	2	3
Other forms of Tuberculosis	2	1
Cancer	11	12
Diabetes	0	2
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	5	14
Heart Diseases	16	22
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	6
Bronchitis	3	1
Pneumonia	2	2
Other Respiratory Diseases	2	0
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	2	0
Appendicitis	0	1
Other Diseases of Digestive Organs	1	2
Nephritis	1	2
Premature Birth	2	1
Congenital Malformation, Birth Injuries & Infant Diseases.	3	1
Road Traffic Accidents	1	0
Violent Causes other than Suicide	1	1
All Other Causes	6	7

Still Births: 6 or 3.5% of Total Births.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year: 8 or 4.8% of Total Births.

Illegitimate Births: 9 or 5.4% of Total Births.



NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Scarlet Fever 3. Diphtheria 1.

The houses where these cases occurred were visited by the Sanitary Inspector, and disinfected.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Ten cases of Tuberculosis were notified, of which six were pulmonary. There were five deaths from pulmonary Tuberculosis, and three deaths from other forms of this disease.

Houses from which patients are removed to Hospital, or in which a death from Tuberculosis occurs, are disinfected by the Sanitary Inspector.

The arrangements for hospital treatment, which were made by the Welsh National Memorial Association are now made by the Regional Hospital Board; but there is still the same delay in admission of patients, owing to the lack of nursing staff.

The County Council is no longer responsible for the working of the scheme for allowances to dependents of tuberculous patients, which is now undertaken by the National Assistance Board.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

Immunisation is carried out by the local Doctors, and payment is made by the County Council.

The number of children for whom record cards of immunisations were received in 1948 was:-

Under 5 years of age:-	42
Between 5-15 yrs. of age:-	Nil.
Reinforcing injections:-	3.

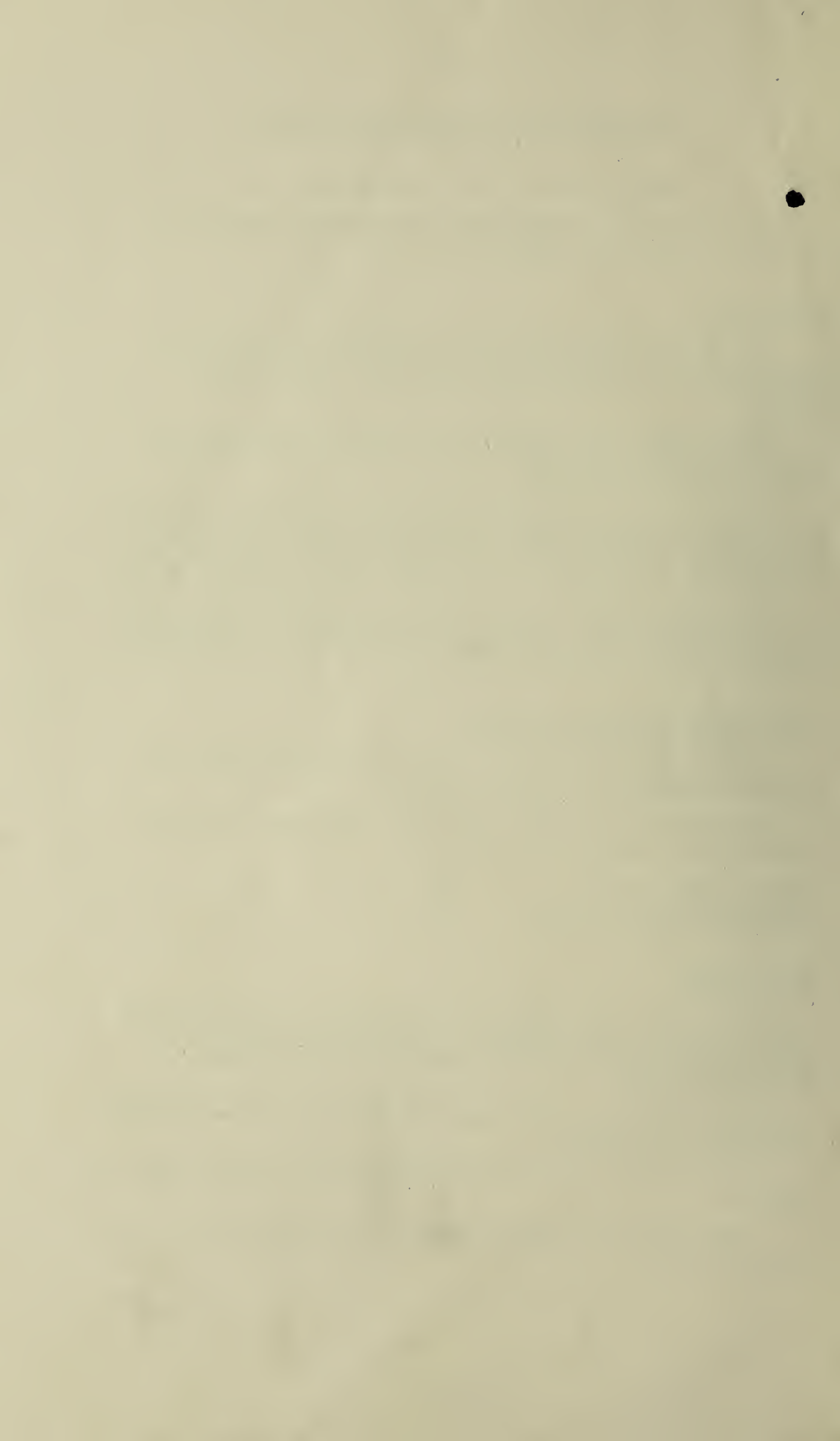
WATER SUPPLY.

The Council has carried out extensions to their mains in various parts of the district. Work has continued on the Valley Court Scheme, and has begun on the Llandilo and Llangolman Scheme.

Every effort is made to get all houses in close proximity connected to the mains.

The Supply of water in 1948 was plentiful and of excellent quality.

Eight samples of water taken from private supplies were unsatisfactory.



### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

A scheme for provision of sewerage in Velfrey Road, in conjunction with the sewerage of Whitland by the Carmarthen R.D.C. was submitted to the Welsh Board of Health for approval.

A similar scheme for Templeton has also been submitted for approval.

The sewerage schemes at Kilgetty and part of Saundersfoot have functioned satisfactorily.

No. of houses converted from pail closets to W.C. = 17.

### HOUSING.

48 Council Houses were completed during the year i.e.

Ridgeway, Saundersfoot	8.
Summerhill, Amroth	12.
Coxhill	18.
Ludchurch	6.
Llandissilio	4.

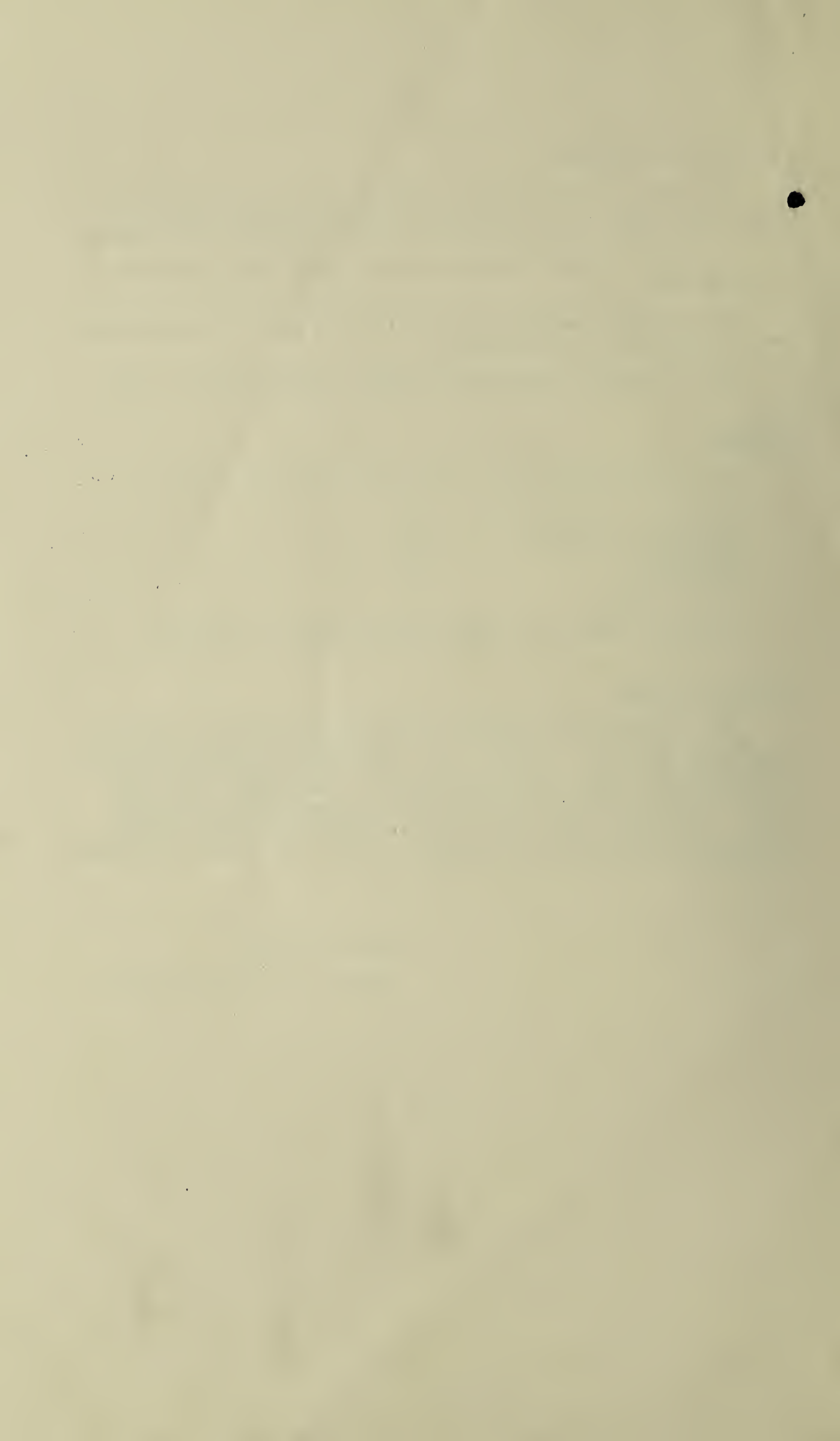
Work was started on four Council Houses at Grondre.

### REFUSE DISPOSAL.

The collections of House Refuse are now being undertaken by the Council's own labour with a five cubic yard low-loading covered-in vehicle. Practically the whole of the area is being served weekly and fortnightly. The refuse is brought to two dumping places namely Kingsmoor Common and Narberth Moor. This has meant the discontinuance of several dumping places used under the old system. There has been no complaint regarding the collections or disposal.

Dorothy M. Rees,

Medical Officer of Health.





Particulars of Sanitary Inspector's Work.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR 1948.

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	127
Total No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 and 1932 included in previous column.	35
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	7
No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (exclusive of those in previous column).	22
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.	6

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR.

Housing Act, 1936. Sections 9, 10 and 16.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	14
No. of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By Owners).	3

Public Health Acts.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	10
No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (By Owners)	8

Housing Act, 1936. Sections 11 and 13.

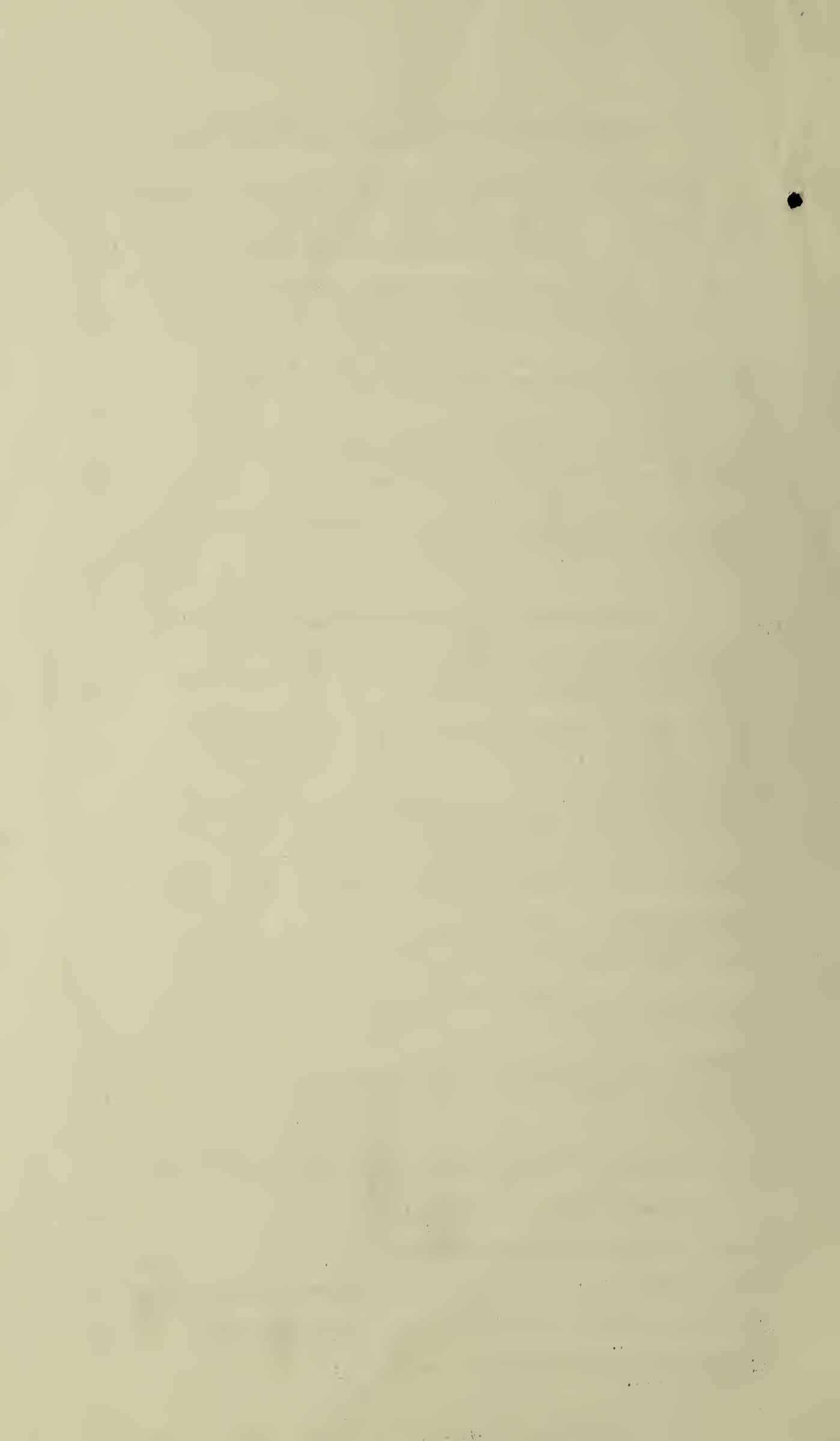
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made.	7
No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders.	7

Housing Act, 1936. Section 12.

No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made.	Nil.
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HOUSING ACTS, 1936, PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year.	12
No. of families dwelling therein.	26
No. of persons dwelling therein.	59
No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during year.	8
No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during year.	16
No. of persons concerned in such cases.	52





SANITARY INSPECTION.

Particulars of work carried out during year 1948.

Shops Act, 1934.

Frequent inspections were made of all premises where food is prepared and sold, and there has been little cause for complaint.

Food examined and found unsound is as follows:

Tinned Fish	8 Tins	Tomatoes	1 Tin
Tinned Peas	5 "	Ham	12½ lbs.
Tinned Beans	7 "	Bacon	20 "
Fruit Salad	1 "	Beef	49½ "
Spaggetti	1 "	Potatoes	56 "
Minced Meat	2 "	Loose Peas	112 "
Milk	6 "		

Number of Shops selling Ice Cream:	9
Number of premises where food is preserved:	11
Number of Bakers:	11
Number of Catering Establishments:	5
Number of Grocers:	43

Pollution of Rivers and Streams.

During the year there have been no complaints, neither have I observed any evidence of pollution.

Markets and Slaughterhouses	Nil.
Smoke Abatement	"
Swimming Baths and Pools	"
Offensive Trades	"
Common Lodging Houses	"

Eradication of Bugs. "

Rat and Mice Destruction: The Council employ one whole-time Operator.

Number of Treatments of Sewers:	6
" " " " Refuse Tips:	6
Number of Rats estimated destroyed	9050
Number of Rats recovered dead after treatment	441

No. of complaints received. 65

No. of defects or nuisances discovered. 27

No. of Premises visited.  
Inspections. 587

Re-visits. 36

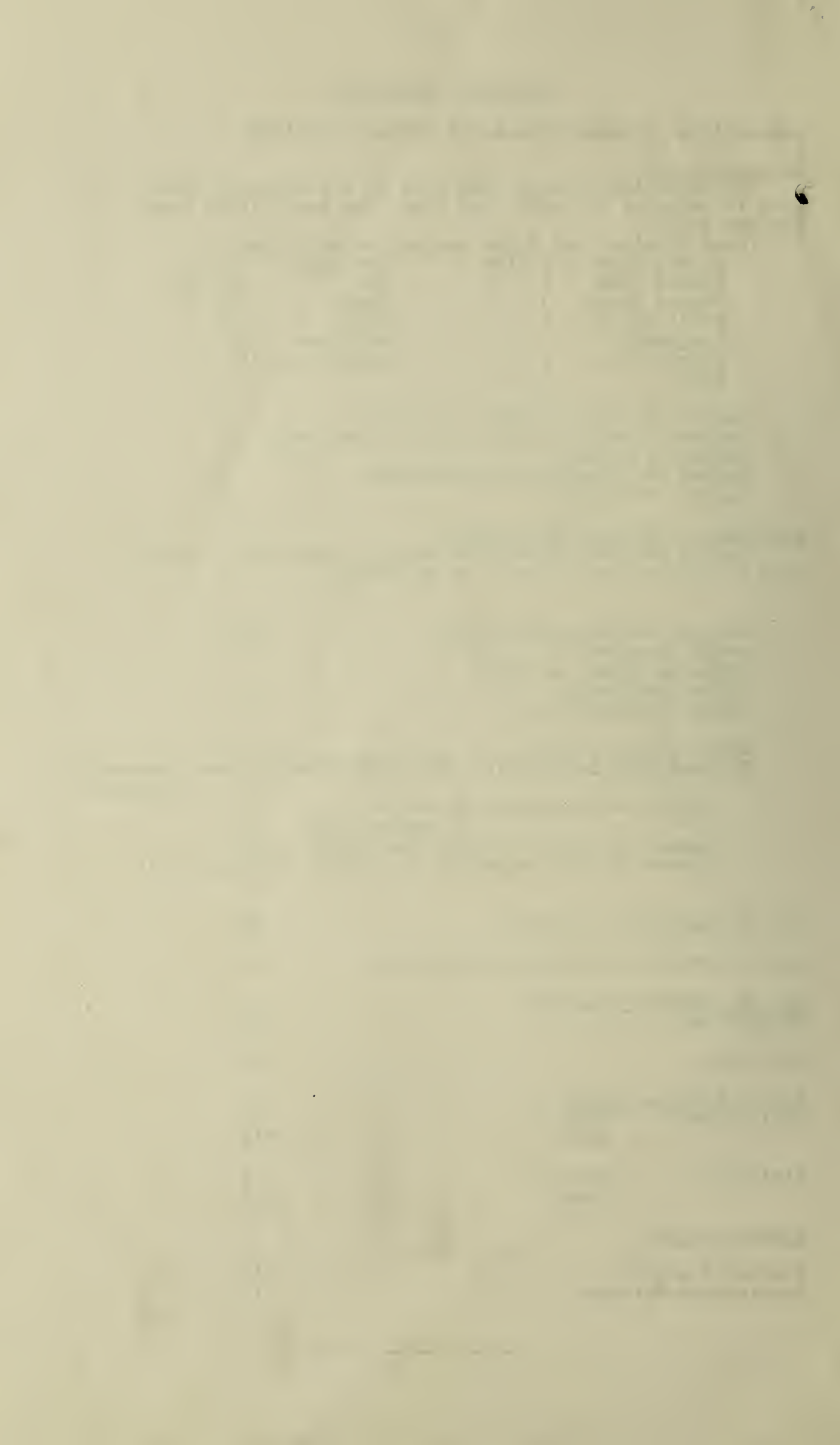
No. of Notices Served.  
Preliminary: Housing 24  
Other Nil

Statutory: Housing 5  
Other Nil

Summary Action.

Summonses issued Nil  
Convictions obtained Nil

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MILK AND DAIRIES ORDERS.

No. of Registered Cow Keepers.	Nil.
No. of Inspections.	Nil.
No. of Registered Dairymen.	785
No. of Inspections.	146
<u>Milk Samples.</u>	
Satisfactory.	Nil.
Unsatisfactory.	Nil.
Total:	Nil.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	38	35	Nil.	Nil.
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises).	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
TOTAL:	38	35	Nil.	Nil.

A. C. James,  
Sanitary Inspector.

